Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—What is the period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot say what exactly the period is, when exactly Government came to know of it and when they started these ameliorative measures. For the last 10 or 12 years probably, they have been recognising this and taking measures to remove unemployment.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether it has been done with a view to solve this question of unemployment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, certainly with a view to solve this problem.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what steps have been taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mainly changing the curriculum of studies, giving prominence to industry and agriculture so that educated men need not depend on clerical posts, starting of agricultural loans, developing of the irrigation schemes, so that more people may be directed to agriculture.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, what the result has been of the attempt made by the Government for the last 10 years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran. –Rather too early to say any definite result has been achieved. But Government do hope that this cannot but bring beneficial results.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Does the Government think that anything specific can be done without any data with respect to the actual number of unemployed men in the State? No statistics are available. and no attempt has been made to collect statistics. Does the Government think that any appreciable or specific results can be obtained if nothing is done for getting proper statistics?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The figures may be helpful. There is no doubt about that. Even without figures ameliorative measures could really be started.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to collect information on this point?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider that question.

Notification of the Madras Government regarding employment of State subjects in British service.

209. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

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(a) whether the Government are aware of the following notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette:—

"No subject of an Indian State can be employed in a subordinate service under the Government of Madras whether in an acting capacity or on probation without the previous sanction of the Government. Inclusion in a list issued by the Staff Selection Board will not be regarded as equivalent to the permission of the Government to employ such persons".

(b) whether the above notification had been brought to the attention of the Diwan by any (1) official of the State, (2) non-official; and if so,

(c) whether the correspondence with respect to this will be placed on the Table;

(d) who are the officials and non-officials who brought the above notification to the attention of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No public purpose is served by placing it on the Table.

(d) The Comptroller of Accounts and some non-official Members of this Council.

Orders on certain resolutions passed at a meeting at Kunnamkulam.

210. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform, with reference to question No. 59 of the Legislative Session of 1105, whether the Government have fully considered resolutions Nos. 2, 3 and 4; and if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Resolution No. 2—Still under the consideration of Government.

Resolution No. 3—Orders have been issued complying with the request.

Resolution No. 4—The question is left to be taken up by the Municipality when Kunnamkulam is constituted as such.

Repairing a tank in Pazhanji.

211. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer had received in 1104 from Mr. Cheruvathur Kurian Chakkunni and others of Pazhanji, a petition for repairing a tank used for bathing and for providing another tank for the same purpose; and if so,

(b) whether the requests have been sanctioned; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken with reference to the question and how has it been disposed of?

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